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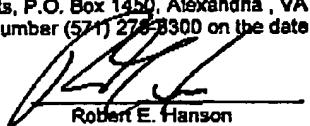
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the current application be treated as special and examined on an expedited basis accordingly. MPEP §707.02 states that any application that has been pending five years should be carefully studied by the supervisory patent examiner and every effort should be made to terminate its prosecution and, in order to accomplish this result, "the application is to be considered 'special' by the examiner." The current case was filed October 27, 2000 and thus has been pending for more than five years. The application therefore must be treated as special pursuant to MPEP §707.02 and such action is thus respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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